

REMARKS

This response is in reply to the office action rejection dated March 6, 2006. Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. The rejection indicated that claims 1-13, 19-27, and 34-38 are allowed. Claims 17 and 31 are objected to. Claims 14-16, 18, 28-30, 32, and 33 are rejected.

Claim 14-16, 18, 28-30, and 32-33 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 4,634,264 (hereinafter Takahashi). Takahashi discloses an image forming device including an upper structural member 22 pivotally connected to a lower structural unit 23. A developing member 10 is positioned within the lower unit 23. Cartridge 6 including a single photosensitive member is removably attached to the upper structural member 22.

Claims 14 and 28 have been amended to more clearly indicate that these claims are directed to a tandem printer that includes first and second developer members and first and second photoconductive members. The developer members are positioned in the body and the photoconductive members are positioned on a movable frame. This structure is significantly different than that disclosed in Takahashi therefore independent claims 14 and 28 are not anticipated. Further, dependent claims 15-16, 18, 29-30, and 32-33 are also not anticipated for at least these same reasons. Dependent claim 17 has been amended to now include proper antecedent basis for the elements introduced in independent claim 14.

The specification has been amended on page 6, line 9 to now correctly indicate photoconductive units 50.

The Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

COATS & BENNETT, P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Kalish", is written over a horizontal line.

David D. Kalish
Registration No.: 42,706

Dated: April 27, 2006

P.O. Box 5
Raleigh, NC 27602
Telephone: (919) 854-1844
Facsimile: (919) 854-2084